

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 4 of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph to recite the claim to priority:

--This application is a divisional application of U.S. Application Serial No. 09/935,194, filed on August 21, 2001, which claims priority to a U.S. Provisional Application Serial No. 60/226,290, filed August 21, 2000. The disclosures of the priority applications are incorporated by reference herein in their entirety.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 23 of the specification with the following rewritten paragraph:

--"tetracycline operator" is a 15bp ~~palindemic~~ palindromic sequence (TCCCTATCAGGGAGA; SEQ ID NO:15) that is bound by tetracycline repressor.—